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SUBJECT: MAURITIUS DENIES PLAN TO CEDE AGALEGA ISLANDS TO INDIA, BUT ISSUE SHOWS MAURITIAN SUBORDINATION

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Classified By: DCM Stephen Schwartz. Reason: 1.4 (b/d)

[1](#)1. (C) Summary: Mauritian officials deny any intention to cede Agalega islands to India, as alleged in an Indian newspaper report. They have s

/// MAURITIANS DENY PLAN TO CEDE ISLANDS ///

[1](#)2. (U) Mauritian newspapers have been filled with speculation over a report in The Times of India on November 25, 2006 that negotiations have

[1](#)3. (U) Ramgoolam said that he asked Prime Minister Singh in October 2005 in New Delhi and President Kalam in March 2006 in Mauritius for India

/// SPECULATION ON INDIA,S HIDDEN AGENDA ///

[1](#)4. (U) Notwithstanding official denials, Mauritian commentators continue to suspect that India wants to use Agalega for strategic purposes, pc

[1](#)5. (C) Ramgoolam,s top two aides, his Chief of Staff Kailash Ruhee and the Secretary for Home Affairs Raj Mudhoo, have told the Embassy that t

/// OIL PROSPECTS? ///

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[1](#)6. (C) Oil is another possibility. An article on November 30 in L'express newspaper cited several differing views of Texaco,s 1975 explorator

/// AGALEGA,S FRAGILE ECOLOGY ///

[1](#)7. (C) The size and activities of a new foreign presence in Agalega would have to be limited or all-inclusive. Mauritius, Commissioner of Poli

[1](#)8. (SBU) On the other extreme, the Mauritian government has approved a preliminary project proposal from the South African firm Arcon for Agal

/// COMMENT: INDIA CALLS THE SHOTS ///

[1](#)9. (C) Comment: Whether or not India has any strategic designs on Agalega, this issue has shown the Mauritian public the extent of their count

[1](#)10. (C) The post-Cold War period changed the circumstances of the relationship. Indian diplomats say they have worked hard over the last five

[1](#)11. (C) India,s domination of this relationship is skewed further by Mauritius, sense of economic vulnerability. This stems from the EU,s 2005

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[1](#)12. (C) In the past five years, Indian money and labor built the two most modern showcase buildings in the country, the Swami Vivekananda Conf

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